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Elba Council approves bills including \$131,742 for property that no longer has designated use

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The bills presented for approval Monday evening, Aug. 22, at the Elba City Council meeting included the amount paid to purchase land on Hickman Avenue that had been the proposed site for the South Central Alabama Mental Health

division center. As the council reviewed the bills totaling \$366,911.44, Mayor Tom Maddox said, "the big item [on the list] is the property we purchased in hopes of having a good use for it."

Elba did not receive the votes from the South Central Alabama Mental Health board to be the chosen site for the new diversion center. Instead, that facility went to Brantley.

"We still hope to have a good use for it," the mayor said regarding the now purchased property. "We just don't know what that is yet."

The total expenditure for the purchase of the property was \$131,742.82.

Since the meeting, Mayor Maddox confirmed to The Elba Clipper that monies from the Industrial Development Board were used for this purchase. A check with Elba City Hall revealed that records indicate the last meeting of the Industrial

Development Board on record was Dec. 11, 2020.

Also, while discussing the bills, a \$10,090.52 expenditure to Terry Spicer Heating and Cooling was discussed.

The mayor said this was for work to install a handicap rail at the Elba Senior Citizens Center and a tree removal. He said he believed the tree was removed from a FEMA lot now owned by the city on Forest Avenue.

"We still hope to have a good use for it," Elba Mayor Tom Maddox said regarding the now purchased property. "We just don't know what that is yet."

"This was a FEMA lot we cleared, and there was a huge tree just inside the city's property," Maddox said. "If it had fallen, it would have fallen on the [Harold] Spicer property. It was a huge pine tree."

Council member Gappa Wise had asked where the tree was located, and the mayor said he was not certain but believed it was the tree in question. He said it was the only tree he could remember being discussed for removal.

"If that's not the one, I don't know where," Maddox said.

Council member Jane Brunson asked if the tree was healthy.

"As far as I know," the mayor answered. "I just went by and saw how big it was. I am sorry that I can't answer your questions for sure."

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Help Keep Pea River Clean...



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox shared this photo of items pulled Sunday from the Pea River by a group of local citizens. The mayor said the group worked diligently to clean the river by removing the trash items that had somehow over time gotten into the waterway. He said the citizens piled the items on a sandbar, and he went early Monday morning to load and deliver them for proper disposal. The mayor asked that citizens help keep the river clean and not pollute it by throwing items such as these into Pea River.

Elba W&E delinquent fees to increase

Effective October 1, 2022, Elba Water and Electric delinquent fees will increase from thirty dollars (\$30) to fifty (\$50). The after-hours fee will increase from fifty dollars (\$50) to seventy-five dollars (\$75).

Elba Chamber director named recipient of professional development scholarship

Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Sandy B. Williams received one of ten professional development scholarships from the Alabama Chamber of Commerce Association (ACCA).

This is made possible through the contributions of the ACCA's Building a Better Alabama foundation.

Besides Elba's chamber director, other to



Sandy B. Williams

receive the scholarship were: Annah Hammond, Atmore; John Mark Freeman, Coosa Valley; Courtney Jackson, Mobile; Heather Lebeschak, Gardendale; Debra Porter, Athens; Marlee Bailey, North Baldwin County; Kara Durie, Thomasville; Ashley Davis, Semmes; and Will Mackey, Gadsden.

Williams said the scholarship would assist in paying her fees to the 2022 Professional Development Conference for chamber of commerce in Alabama. This conference is scheduled for Oct. 11-13 in Mobile, Ala., and it is presented by Alabama Self Insured Worker's Compensation Fund.

She said being able to attend conferences, such as this one, allow her to bring ideas/materials back to Elba to better serve the city's businesses.

CCC approves backup line of credit to assist in bringing air ambulance service to county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Aug. 22, commissioners made a move to potentially help bring an air ambulance service to the county via Enterprise Rescue Inc.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the matter had been discussed quite a bit in work sessions regarding an attempt to bring an air ambulance service to the area, and it would be stationed at the Enterprise Airport. He said the agreement was largely complete as of the Aug. 22nd commission meeting.

Morgan said Enterprise Rescue had requested a backup letter of credit from Coffee County in the amount of \$250,000 to help ensure funding for the first year. He said after soliciting rates from financial institutions on the line of credit, the lowest rate was provided by River Bank and Trust at 95 percent.

Therefore, Morgan asked commission to approve providing a letter of backup credit in the amount of \$250,000 for Enterprise Rescue in the agreement with PHI Air Medical Services of Mississippi to give that company more leverage to bring their services to Coffee County. Commissioners approved the motion for such with no

opposition.

Arnold Woodham, representing Enterprise Rescue, was at the meeting, and he once the contract with PHI was signed there would be a 90-day implementation plan. He said he would keep the county informed on the plan of action for the new air ambulance service.

"This is not to benefit Enterprise Rescue one bit," Woodham said. "It is to benefit the citizens of Coffee County and those who come through here."

In time of emergency, he said having this service available would greatly help in getting patients to a high level of care more quickly.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners approved a request from county engineer Marty Lentz to allow him to purchase a pickup truck off the Alabama Department of Transportation surplus lot.

He said the county is looking at the potential of adding a maintenance technician for the maintenance department. Should that come to fruition, the pickup truck would be for that department.

Commissioners approved a list of surplus items from the county landfill to be sold on GovDeals.com.

Also, citizens were reminded the county's residential garbage collection service would run as normal on Monday, Sept. 5, on

Labor Day.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting is set for Monday, Sept. 12, at 9 a.m., in New Brockton.

Harrelson speaks at Elba QB Club meeting



Rhett Harrelson (left), basketball coach for Enterprise High School, spoke Friday, Aug. 26, at the Elba Quarterback Club "Game Day" lunch meeting.

Harrelson led the Class 7A Wildcats to their first state championship in basketball last season. He spoke at the meeting on the dedication it takes to make it to a high level of success. He also wished Elba good luck this football season.

The Elba Quarterback Club meets every "game day" Friday at the Elba Country Club, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Those in attendance enjoy lunch, a guest speaker, as well as hearing from Elba head coach Marc Sieving.

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ...On Friday, Sept. 2, the Elba Tigers will host Houston County at Tiger Stadium, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Wicksburg, the New Brockton Gamecock will travel to Providence Christian in Dothan, and the Brantley Bulldogs will host McKenzie. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for each game.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. To report an emergency with any utilities during this time, contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

A GOOD LUCK CELEBRATION will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, in honor of Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy and Little Miss Elba Bella Bane at Blessed Nutrition (127 Factory Ave, Elba) from 5-6:30 p.m. This is a come and go event for these young ladies as they prepare to represent the City of Elba at the Miss and Little Miss National Peanut Festival pageants.

THE COFFEE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE will present the Blackwood Quartet in concert Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., at Elba High School. This is a Grammy award-winning group that performs gospel music. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com or call (334) 406-2787.

Patriot Day Remembrance event set for Saturday, Sept. 10, in Elba

The Southeast Alabama American Veterans Post 7, located in Daleville, Ala., will host two 9/11 Patriot Day Remembrance events Saturday, Sept. 10, and one will be in Elba, Ala.

The first remembrance event will be at 9 a.m. in Daleville on Sept. 10th, and that will be followed at 2 p.m. with an event on the courthouse lawn in downtown Elba.

These memorial events will include the posting of America's colors by an honor guard; a 2,977 flag display; cannon volley; and scroll of names remembering those who died on Sept. 11, 2001.

Additional projects being planned by the local veterans post include: Veterans Day events in November, Flags for Forgotten Soldiers displays, multiple POW/MIA table displays, youth being rec-

ognized through JROTC Cadet awards and scholarships, and the Traveling Vietnam Wall booked for 2023.

AMVETS also provides assistance to veterans filing their VA claims, scholarships, warrior reintegration, career assistance, and more. Free mental counseling is also available in partnership with The Military Support Group and Care Counseling, LLC.

Southeast Alabama AMVETS Post 7 meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the banquet room of Chopper's OI School BBQ in Daleville. Membership for AMVETS is open to all currently serving or honorably discharged service members of the U.S. Armed Forces to include reserve and guard members.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." — Steven Wright

Even Facebook can be entertaining at times. Last week an Elba native posted a picture on Facebook that many of our readers will understand. "Thank You Teachers! After School Supplies Sold Here!" It was in front of a liquor store.

The government's move to forgive millions of dollars of student loan obligations has very few folks with no opinion on the action. Those who have struggled and repaid their loans have expressed mixed feelings about the action. Those who didn't feel they could afford to go to college and just went to work have done some grumbling as well. Political types who oppose anything the Democrat administration does are very outspoken about the decision. We were amused after several national political types issued press releases and/or went on TV highly critical of the action but suddenly ran for cover after it was pointed out that they had profited heavily from the federal PPP program that gave 'loans' for small business to survive the pandemic and had those forgiven by this same government! Some of those forgiven loans bumped up near the one million dollar mark, far-far-far higher than any student loan! We understand the comments that many who didn't get the student loans will be saddled with helping pay back the money through higher taxes, etc. the same can be said about the PPP loans. (Remember, the government has no money but what it gets from the taxpayers). We saw cases where students spent the college money going to the beach but also read about misuse of the PPP loans, and on a much larger scale.

Very few folks were up Monday morning at 4:30 when Elba Mayor Tom Maddox was down on the banks of Pea River loading that mess of trash pictured on the front page that a local group of citizens had picked up out of the river Sunday afternoon. This is not exactly in the mayor's assigned duties nor job description, but it is not the first time we have caught him doing such and/or weeding a flower bed around the square. No mayor can please everyone, especially yours truly, but we surely don't criticize Tom for this project! Much of what he picked up probably got washed into the river during one of our high-water incidents, but each of us can be a help by NOT disposing of our trash in or near the waterways.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, and Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Aug. 23 — Animal complaint reported at 14265 Hwy 84 (7:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1029 Elm Ave (11:58 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1008 Elm Ave (12:44 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 11201 Hwy 189 (3:08 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1567 Reese Ave (6:25 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 420 Plant Ave (6:49 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:08 p.m.).

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — No Daily Report Available.

Thursday, Aug. 25 — Fight reported at 1248 Jones Circle (1:58 a.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (6:14 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 14862 Hwy 84 (8:49 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (9:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 158 Buford St (11:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 679 Smith Ave (1:16 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six verbal warnings, and two citations.

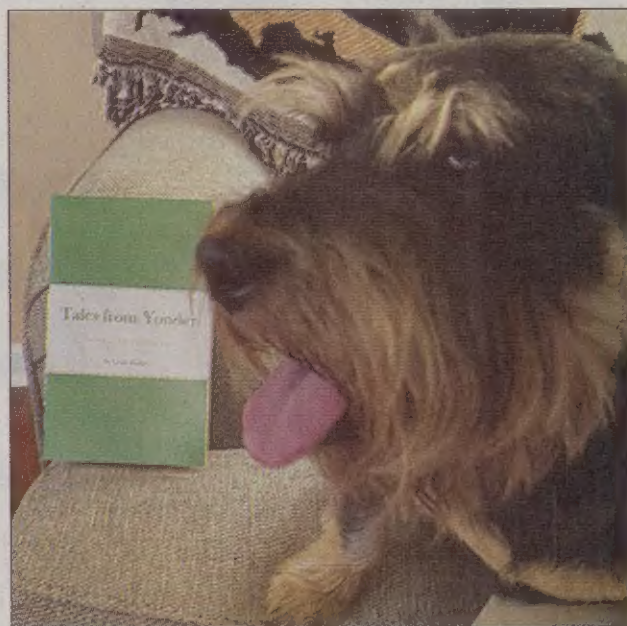
Friday, Aug. 26 — Animal complaint reported at Adkinson and Moore Ave (12:35 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 between 125 and Hwy 87 —

verbal warning issued (6:40 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 20731 Hwy 87 — w/ an arrest (9:04 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (9:10 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one citation, and two verbal warnings.

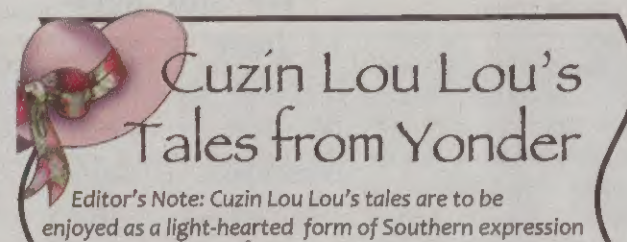
Saturday, Aug. 27 — Harassing communications reported at 329 Solie Dr (12:57 a.m.); Burglary reported at 200 Brunson St (11:23 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (10:53 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one citation, two verbal warnings, and two written warnings.

Sunday, Aug. 28 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier St (12:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1131 Guyton St — w/ impound (1:51 p.m.); Burglary reported at 993 Winston Ave (2:42 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 706 Newton St (5:47 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (6:41 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1567 Reese Ave (9:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 715 Reese Ave (11:49 p.m.). Twenty traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, nine written warnings, one arrest, and six citations.

Monday, Aug. 29 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 997 Hwy 203 (1:34 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 84 and 263 (3:58 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (6:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1508 Sequoia Dr (8:47 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at County Rd 501 and Hwy 84 (11:22 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 567 County Rd 401 (2:11 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 145 Tiger Dr (3:17 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported at 943 N Claxton Ave (3:53 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (4:54 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 618 Mullins Circle (5:20 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1309 Martin Luther King Dr (7:34 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, and two written warnings.



TALES FROM YONDER BOOK IS HERE! Little Bean is proud to announce the *Tales from Yonder: Growing Up with Cuzin Lou Lou* book has arrived! Those who pre-ordered a copy of the book can now pick it up at The Elba Clipper office. Little Bean says Cuzin Lou Lou will even sign the book for you! There are a few copies left from this first printing for others interested in purchasing. Cost is \$7 per book.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou is convinced that Little Bean gets that 'attitude' from Sister because they both will let you know when they don't like something!

Lou Lou was headed back to work one day this week after lunch, and Papa asked her to help him with something outside before she left. Now, Little Bean is accustomed to her and Papa climbing in the recliner after lunch to take a nap together. So, when Papa headed for the door, she let him know real quick like that she was not in favor of what he was doing.

Papa didn't realize what had Little Bean so upset, and he began questioning her with, "what's wrong, girl?"

Lou Lou knew immediately what the problem was, and she explained to Papa.

"She's thinks you are trying to skip out on your daily nap, and she is letting you know she is mad!" Lou Lou said as she laughed at Papa.

It proved to be true! Lou Lou explained to Little Bean that Papa was just going outside for a minute and he would be back for their nap. She even let Bean tag along outside with them.

All was forgiven! That is

when it hit Lou Lou that Bean is just like Sister!

Just the night before, Sister got mad at something Lou Lou said, and even though Sister would later admit that Lou Lou was correct in what she said — "It still made me mad!" Sister said.

As the conversation took place, Lou Lou defended her position because, quite frankly, she knew she was right. Pretty soon, Sister had heard enough, and she announced that she was going to bed.

Lou Lou knew Sister was mad, and she left her alone knowing she would simmer down eventually. Admittedly, the simmering down took longer than even Lou Lou anticipated, but it did happen.

The following morning, Sister made her routine stop by Lou Lou's room to tell Little Bean "bye and that she loved her" — usually, Lou Lou gets a fleeting "bye and love you too" — however, that was not the case this on this particular morning. That meant Sister was still steaming over the prior night's disagreement.

So, Lou Lou left her alone! She may be stubborn too, but one thing she has learned over the years is...when Sister is mad, just leave her alone! It is the safest solution for everyone!!

A few hours later, Lou Lou received a text message with a funny meme. Ahh! Calmness was coming!!

By lunch, Sister was again speaking to Lou Lou. Still, though, Lou Lou did not bring up the disagreement. She felt it was a little too early.

After the two got home that evening after work, Lou Lou was preparing supper, and Sister was in the kitchen talking to her. It was at this point when Lou Lou decided to approach the subject again.

Sister did admit she was "out of line" BUT she didn't like it so she got mad! Lou Lou figured that was as close as she would get to an apology, and she accepted it as a win this time! It is now documented here to help her remember the one time in their lives that Sister actually admitted she was wrong!

Now, it is full proof that Little Bean sometimes acts just like Sister! They both got attitude for miles, and truth be told, are probably proud of it!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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ELBA

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Brunson asked that additional information be provided to the council on this matter to better answer their questions.

"I just know we have a lot of FEMA lots with a lot of big trees on them," she said.

Following the review of the bills, Brunson made a motion to approve the bills with a second from council member Johnathan Lockett. All voted in favor [council member Bryan Grimes was not at the meeting].

Police Chief Troy Staley provided a monthly report of activity from his department for July. After presenting the numbers, he said it had been a fairly routine month for the department.

Brunson asked about staffing for the department, and Staley said he had one officer currently out on medical leave and another that was going to be sent to the academy.

ALEA Con't from Page ONE

Day, Sept. 5. During the safety initiative, ALEA utilized an assortment of platforms and partnerships with local first responders to implement enforcement details and convey a variety of safety messages, as well share important tips to keep everyone safe while they enjoyed their summer festivities.

Now, however, it is time to focus on keeping everyone safe as we begin to enjoy football along with all the fall festivities.

Secretary Taylor said, "When you first arrive in our state, a common question is, 'Are you an Alabama or Auburn fan?' This is just one of the many intense rivalries that occur across our state each year. We recognize and understand the anticipation as well as excitement for fans to watch and enjoy their favorite game. It doesn't matter where you enjoy the exhilaration of the

gridiron — as long as you develop a game plan prior to leaving home and celebrate responsibly. If you plan to consume alcoholic beverages away from home, please take a few minutes to select a designated driver or reserve a ride-share service. This simple technique can be a winning strategy to ensure everyone's safety while traveling on Alabama's roadways."

In addition, motorists should expect traffic congestion, especially on game-day, and drivers should be defensive and patient when it is time to leave the stadium and head home. These and other safety tips are key throughout the year, but particularly during such popular traveling periods as Labor Day and game day.

"Let's all do our part to make this a safe Labor Day weekend — and a winning football season for everyone," Secretary Taylor said.

Alabama's Court of Criminal Appeals upholds first-degree human trafficking conviction in Coffee County

Attorney General Steve Marshall announced Tuesday, Aug. 30, that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the human-trafficking conviction of Andy Lamont Tinker, age 39, of Enterprise, Ala.

Tinker was convicted in Coffee County Circuit Court on October 7, 2021, for first-degree human trafficking.

The evidence at trial showed that between May and August 2020, Tinker forced his victim to perform sexual acts on numerous occasions at an Enterprise hotel. The victim testified at trial that, if she refused to participate in the prostitution, she was beaten and/or drugged to facilitate the meetings.

At trial, Tinker contended the victim was a "jobless, drug-addicted prostitute" who was not actually confined to a motel room. The jury rejected Tinker's defense and found him guilty of first-degree human trafficking.

Coffee County District Attorney Tom Anderson's

office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Tinker was sentenced to life imprisonment for his crime. Tinker sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

"Human trafficking is a serious crime and those who exploit their victims, for personal gain will be held accountable under the law," said Attorney General Marshall.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Tinker's conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, August 26, 2022.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Marc Starrett for his successful work on this case, and thanked Coffee County District Attorney Tom Anderson and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the first-degree human trafficking conviction.

Landmark Park to host bluegrass festival on Saturday, Sept. 10th

Join the Landmark Park Bluegrass family for the second annual Bluegrass Festival Saturday, Sept. 10. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the DAR and Boy Scouts will kick off the day at 11 a.m. with a patriotic tribute.

Live music begins at noon and goes until 9 p.m. Bring those lawn chairs, 10x10 tents and instruments

for jamming. Admission includes a wristband for re-entry. A Jammer Shuttle will run throughout the day from the front gate to the main gazebo.

Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and military; \$4 for kids; free for park members and children 2 and under. No pets or alcohol.

"We're looking pretty good right now," he said.

With the two mentioned, he said that fills the police staff. He also noted there had been some shortages in dispatch, but those spots had just been filled too.

Lockett thanked the police chief for the work his department had done in the Mulberry Heights area of the city.

"It is so much better," Lockett said.

In other news from the council meeting, assistant city clerk Falisa Cole noted the Elba Public Library had received a \$10,000 grant.

Also, the mayor said the Mizell Hospital officials had been very pleased with the traffic the new Elba Healthcare office had received since its opening at the beginning of August.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m.



Archaeology students traveled to Italy for nearly three weeks over the summer to partner with the University of Pisa.

(Photo courtesy Dr. Stephen Carmody/TROY UNIVERSITY)

Archaeology lecture series being held on Troy University campus

In an effort to garner more interest in archaeology and anthropology, the Troy University Anthropology Club has partnered with the Troy Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society to co-host a five-part lecture series featuring industry professionals.

Laura Beth Ann Gage, a junior anthropology major from Chipley, Fla., has been a member of the TROY club for over a year and said the main goal for the year is to encourage students from all majors to get involved and get educated.

"We're trying to get together some more events so people from outside the program who are interested in the topic can get more involved," she said.

The first lecture on Wednesday, Aug. 31 featured Steven Meredith, Acting President of AAS and the owner of Cedars Consulting, LLC. His work focuses on using artifact form, geologic origin and discovery location of artifacts to infer the geographic range of late Pleistocene societies in the Alabama Coastal Plain.

Future lectures will feature Dr. Kimberly Pyskza, Auburn University at Montgomery, Robby Elmore, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Dr. Gabby Purcell, Troy University, and Annie Blankenship, archaeologist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Services.

"Dr. Stephen Carmody (anthropology/archaeology professor at TROY) really stresses getting exposure to as many people as possible, so he wanted us to get access to different viewpoints," Gage said. "Because of that, a lot of the people are who are speaking come from different areas in archaeology. Some work in academics, some work with the government or the state, some work with Native American groups. He wants students to see there's many options out there as a career path."

Gage said she came to TROY undecided about what her area of study would be but quickly found a home in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It's such a personal program. The professors know all of their students, and we really know all of them. If we need help or if we have certain goals, it's easy for us to work one-on-one to get there," she said. "TROY also has a lot of international connections, which is always nice to have the option to pursue."

The meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of the month in August, October, January, March and May in the Math and Science Complex Room 114 at 6 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Carmody at scarmody@troy.edu.

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Defining Grief Vs. Mourning

After a loved one dies, you are likely to feel a complex surge of emotion. In that time of grief, you may hear two words that sound similar but have different meanings. The words "grief" and "mourning" are often used interchangeably even though they have different definitions. Knowing the difference between grief and mourning can be very important to the healing process following the loss of a loved one.

The term "grief" refers to the internal thoughts and emotions tied to the loss of a loved one. Grieving can include many feelings such as disappointment, anger, guilt, sadness, or loneliness. Since everyone experiences grief differently, there is no right or wrong way to feel.

"Mourning" on the other hand is the outward expression of grief. Mourning includes things like funeral services, visitations, and wakes, graveside visits and services, and other memorialization efforts. Mourning can also include things like crying, journaling, singing songs, or telling stories about your loved one.

Grief is feeling sad or upset at the mention of a lost loved one's name while mourning is holding a graveside visitation on the anniversary of a lost loved one. Separating the two concepts can help make the grieving process a little easier. Mourning helps us contextualize grief. Mourning also gives you a way to work through the feelings associated with grief. A funeral or memorial service gives you an outlet to help you cope with grief. Grief may help you understand why you are emotional during a memorial service. Grief helps us move through loss.

When we have lost a loved one, most of us would prefer to ignore the feelings of grief. But research shows that doing so will only delay the healing process. For many, mourning is enough to help them start to process those feelings and emotions and begin the healing process. However, for some, after something as painful and traumatic as losing a loved one occurs, more care is required.

Our website and funeral home have resources available to help those who are coping with the loss of a loved one. We are here for you ... lean on us in your time of grief.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

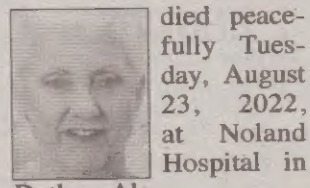
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JANELLE PRUITT "HONEY" HALL

Mrs. Janelle Pruitt "Honey" Hall, age 78, a resident of Jack, Ala.,



died peacefully Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at Noland Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Mrs. Hall worked as a registered nurse at Jackson Hospital for 40 years in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Private burial followed in Adellum Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family asked that those wishing to make memorials do so to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, c/o 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306, or online at <https://t2t.org/>

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Mrs. Hall was preceded in death by her parents, Ora Lee and Edward "Ted" Pruitt.

Survivors include her husband: Benjamin Hall, Jack; sons: Randall "Randy" (Pam) Hall, Ozark, Ala., and Shelby (Dawn) Hall, Montgomery; sisters, Betty Tillman, Pensacola, Fla., and Janice (Donald) Holley, Andalusia, Ala.; brothers, Bobby G (Mary Anne) Pruitt, Hope Hull, Ala., and Eddie Lee (Phyllis) Pruitt, Montgomery; along with her eight grandchildren.



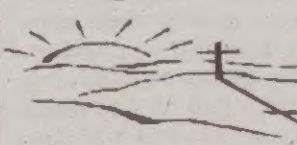
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Alabama DHR announces rollout of Summer P-EBT benefits

Summer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits are rolling out this week to families with children who receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program.

Qualifying households will receive \$391 for each participating student to purchase SNAP-eligible food at stores that accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. The benefits cover the summer months retroactively. Alabama is among the first states in the country to start issuing Summer P-EBT benefits for 2022.

"Food security is a key ingredient in the recipe for a child's success in the classroom and at home," said Commissioner Nancy Buckner of the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR). "Alabama continues to do a tremendous job of reducing the risk of hunger and giving children the best chance to achieve their full potential."

Families who received P-EBT benefits during the 2021-22 school year can access the summer benefits on their existing EBT cards in the coming days. EBT cards will be delivered by mail within 20 days to those who are new to the National School Lunch Program. The benefits expire nine months from their issue date. Recipients should keep their cards in case more benefits are added in the future.

Summer P-EBT benefits are limited to students who receive free or reduced-price meals from the National School Lunch Program by application or through either the Community Eligibility Provision or a Provision 2 school. Families with questions about eligibility should contact the schools their children attend.

To become eligible for Summer P-EBT, families may ap-

ply for the National School Lunch Program by contacting their local schools no later than Aug. 31.

DHR oversees the distribution of P-EBT benefits with assistance from the Alabama State Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service administers the program at the federal level.

Support specialists are available to answer questions about P-EBT by phone at 1-800-410-5827 and online at dhr.alabama.gov/food-assistance/ from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Budget hearings set for Sept. 1 for CCBOE

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing Thursday, Sept. 1, at 12 noon, to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The budget hearing will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, during a special board meeting.

The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Coffee County

Board of Education Administrative Office, during a regular board meeting.

Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the Coffee County Board of Education Superintendent's Office prior to the hearings.

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day!

PUBLIC NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

IN THE MATTER OF ANN M. BECK, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2022-059

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of August 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this 16th day of August 2022. /s/ SCOTT L. BECK, Personal Representative 8-25/9-1,8-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: LILLY ERENA POWERS DOB: 10/18/2012 A MINOR CHILD.

Case No.: 2022-DR-9086

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY RELATIVE AND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: Michael Patrick Powers Biological Father Last Known Address: 119 Jonathan Lane Daleville, Alabama 36322

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Russell J. Frank, Esq., whose address is C.P.L.S., P.A., 201 E. Pine Street, Suite 445, Orlando, Florida 32801, on or before October 20, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida 32801 before service on

Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

Failure to file a written response to the petition constitutes grounds upon which the court may terminate parental rights. Failure to appear at the hearing constitutes grounds upon which the court may terminate parental rights. You have a right to ask that a future hearing be reset for a later date so that you may consult with an attorney; and an opportunity to admit or deny the allegations in the petition.

You are the legal father of a minor female child born on 10/18/2012 in Occee, Orange County, Florida, to wit, L.E.P., and you are described as being thirty-one (31) years old; White; 6'2" or 6'3", around 200 pounds, strawberry blonde hair, possible green eyes

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dis-

missal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 8/23/2022

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Felicia Sanders Deputy Clerk 425 North Orange Ave. Suite 320 Orlando, Florida 32801 9/1,8,15&22-pd

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage, Enterprise, Alabama, on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, September 15th, 2022. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

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9/1,8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET LYNN DIXON DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2022-075

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT Letter of Administration of said deceased having been

granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of August, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allow by law or the same will be barred.

TAMMY BOYD By: /s/ Chelsea Hester Attorney for Personal Representative 9-1,8,15-pd

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL HARRISON, DECEASED,

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)

CASE NO PC-2022-049

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of PAUL HARRISON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of August 2022, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Betty Ann Messer Betty Ann Messer Personal Representative of said Estate 9-1,8,15-pd

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL, DISPOSAL and REDUCTION CONTRACT COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed-proposals will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 A.M., September 15, 2022, and then publicly opened for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and performing all work required by Coffee County and described as follows:

Provide services to remove, dispose and reduce all eligible disaster generated debris from Coffee County, Alabama Rights-of-Way (ROW) including county roads, state roads, city streets, parks, public property and drainage easements. The area to be included as part of this contract is located entirely within the limits of Coffee County.

The contract period shall be for 12 months with an option to issue a second and third 12 month contract under the same pricing, terms and conditions.

A certified check or bid bond payable to the Coffee County Commission for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, \$10,000.00 maximum, must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

Specifications and Proposals may be obtained at the Coffee County Engineer's Office, 1165 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama from 6:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday (telephone 334/894-6112). No proposal fee is required.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this work in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current and duly license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama.

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Dean Smith, Chairman
Coffee County Commission
8/25, 9/1& 9/8-chg

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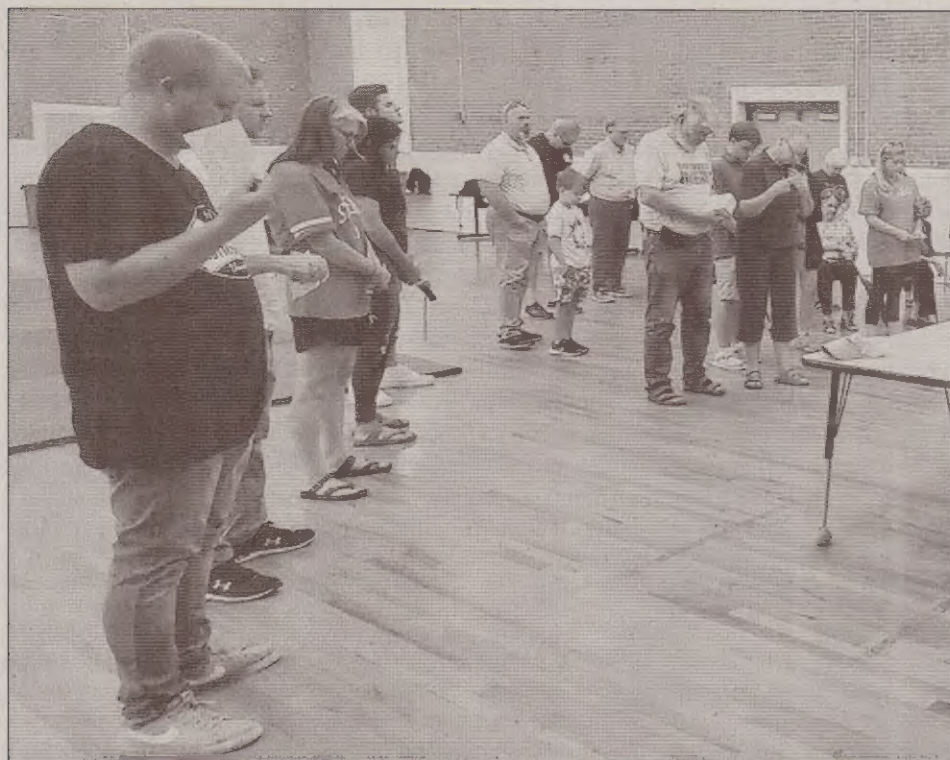
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CHURCH & LIFESTYLES



These citizens are shown praying together at New Brockton High School on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, during the Coffee County Prayer Walk event.

Over 400 participate Aug. 21 in Prayer Walk at schools across Coffee County

On Sunday, August 21, at 4 p.m., more than 400 Coffee County residents, consisting of several denominations, braved a rainy afternoon to pray at all Coffee County Schools.

The Prayer Walk for Schools event was sponsored by the Coffee County Baptist Association Women on Mission. The purpose was to pray for the children, parents, school administra-

tion, teachers, and other workers.

Each school had a volunteer leader who gave a short devotional and had group prayer with those present and also gave instruction as to everyone praying individually as they walked the school grounds.

"With all the evil in our nation today, much of which brings harm to our children, we recognize that

God as our guide is the only one who can deliver us from our enemies," said Peggy Stroud, an event coordinator. "We believe He is our protector and provider and with Him nothing is impossible."

Those in attendance for the Prayer Walk prayed humbly for God's guidance and direction for the nation and asked that He help all to live in such a way that His name would be honored in all things.

Stroud said the Coffee Baptist Association Women on Mission are grateful for all those who helped in any way and especially those who felt led to come and pray and stand in the gap for these great needs.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

The Africa Chronicles, Part One

Recently, my wife and I were blessed to visit our family in Africa. Our younger daughter, her husband, and their three children, (ten, three, and two) live in a West African nation. This was my third trip to Africa; my sixth African nation. Africa is a vast continent of 54 nations, each with a unique culture. Our host nation on this trip was far different from the others I had seen.

Our family doesn't live in an African village, as some might assume. They live in a bustling city with a metro population of four million. Although I was a passenger while there, and didn't drive, I promised myself that I would never complain about the traffic in Atlanta again. From now on, driving through Atlanta will be peaceful and serene compared to what Wanda and I experienced.

Few roads, even the busiest highways, had lane markings. Traffic lights and signs were a rarity. As a result, drivers (cars, motorcycles, or privately owned buses) would make a lane wherever they wanted. Speed didn't really matter, as traffic was often bottlenecked anyway.

My son-in-law explained that, "here, you don't use a turn signal to let someone know what you're going to do; you use it to tell someone else what you want them to do." It was basically "playing chicken" with tons of steel every time you get out.

I've never experienced anything like that, but I've experienced it many times. So have you! Even if you've never been in chaotic African traffic, you've seen other chaos. Life can get scary. We sometimes wonder how we'll make it, or even if we'll make it.

Paul felt that way. In 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 he wrote "We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the troubles we went through in the Province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and will continue to rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us."

As for my adventure, as the saying goes, "I lived to tell about it." It is because I wasn't driving in that traffic. I didn't have to rely on myself. I had confidence in my daughter and son-in-law, who were experienced in those situations, and drove well.

Paul likewise knew the value of letting someone else drive. He didn't think he would make it, but God rescued him again and again.

Who is driving for you?

CCAA bringing Blackwood Quartet to Elba High auditorium on Sept. 22nd

The Blackwood Quartet, a Grammy award-winning Gospel music group, will be in concert Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium.

The concert is part of the 2022-2023 Coffee County Arts Alliance (CCAA) season.

The Blackwood Quartet continues the gospel sound made famous by The Blackwood Brothers Quartet of 1934, which is considered the First Family of Gospel Music. The Blackwood Brothers won eight Grammys and six Dove Awards, and they were inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1998.

Mark Blackwood has held on to the tradition and sound that has made the Blackwood name world famous today. Expect to hear songs such as "How Great Thou Art", "Swing Down Sweet Chariot", "I'll Fly Away", "Peace in the Valley", and "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Coffee County Arts Alliance events are made possible by a grant from the Alabama State Council on

the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website: www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com or call (334) 406-2787.

Individual tickets purchased in advance will be \$35 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets purchased on the day of the event will be \$40 for adults and \$10 for students.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: The Lord's Eternal Love [Psalm 102: 1-28] A Prayer of the Afflicted

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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Tame Quest Jones 8/25
Rev. Fred and Annie Flowers 8/25 W.A.
Alan J. Belcher 8/26
Jimmy Hooks 8/27
Lauren Rogers 8/28
Tony Ordon 8/29
James and Carolyn Martin 8/29 W.A.
Lydia Bennett 8/29
Andy Hardwick 8/29
Clisbe Thomas 8/30
Lance Cross 8/30
Joyce Smedley Jones 8/31

Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

Most of us can recall various neighborhood clubs that we belonged to as children. Usually these clubs were established on rainy or otherwise boring days when we would find ourselves sitting in someone's basement or tree house with nothing to do. Someone would say, "I know! Let's start a club!" Immediate interest would be aroused and, before long, officers were elected, secret handshakes and/or password were decided on, and initiation rites were created. Sometimes dues and dress codes were stipulated. The longer it rained, the more organized we became. The more organized, regulated, and regimented we became, the less likely was the club to exist longer than a week or so. We became so bogged down with details

that we forgot our central purpose - to have some fun! The people of Judah in Micah's day had become obsessed with rites, rituals, and ceremonies, thus forgetting God's primary agenda for them. They were substituting formal sacrifices and programmed "pomp and circumstance" for a humble walk with God and a heartfelt compassion for others. The main thing of their religion had ceased to be the main things.

God "hath showed (us) what is good." Are we paying attention? - R.W.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9/1/22

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The two physical elements of the Lord's Supper are _____ and cup.

A: Bread [I Corinthians 11:26-28]

Q: The writer of Hebrews affirms that God is a consuming _____.

A: Fire [Hebrews 12:29]

Thought to Remember

• To receive redemption, be redeemable

• Faith never stands around with its hands in its pockets

Questions for the Week of 9/8/22

Multiple Choice - Use Your Concordance

Q: What punishment did Elymas receive for his actions? (blindness, leprosy, death)

Q: To what town did Paul go after being stoned in Lystra? (Berea, Derbe, Philippi)

Q: In the book of Daniel, the messenger told Daniel that the Prince of the Kingdom of Persia had withstood the messenger for how many days? (7, 14, 21)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK...During the Elba Quarterback Club "Game Day" lunch meeting Friday, Aug. 26, football coach Marc Sieving introduced the Players of the Week from the Aug. 19th win over New Brockton. Cameron Gray (21) was the Defensive Player of the Week while Kyle Smith (56) was the Offensive Player of the Week for the Tigers.

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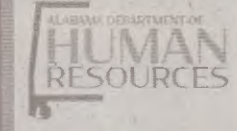
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I spent some time with both my grandsons last week and am convinced that even though their ages will be almost twelve years apart they will be good friends as they grow up and that Lawson will always find the time to help take care of his young cousin. He has already held him and given him a bottle, and seems content as long as Cannon isn't screaming or filling his diaper. Yep, there will be some good days ahead.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers survived a rain soaked field* and a determined batch of Kinston Bulldogs last week to improve their record to 2-0 with a big 33-6 road win. Elba snapped the ball a total of 61 times in the game and ran the ball on 59 of the plays as they simply went straight ahead and put together possessions that lasted 6:48, 6:50, 8:28, 8:08 and 5:12 as they played keep away from the Kinston offense. In the first half, Elba had the ball for almost sixteen minutes, while in the second half the Tigers maintained possession for over nineteen minutes and had two eight minute possessions. Elba's offense is best known for its big play capabilities, but Friday night it lined up and was satisfied to take the long road up and down the field. Alvin Henderson had another big night with over 270 yards and 4 touchdowns, while JT Coleman also went over the 100-yard mark and added a score. When Elba is able to run the ball, convert on third and fourth downs, it becomes a different animal, and Friday night that animal was simply too much for Kinston to handle.

*** *It wasn't the best of weeks* for the teams in the area as only the Brantley Bulldogs were able to post a win. The Bulldogs pulled ahead early and easily held on to dominate Houston County 33-7, while New Brockton surrendered over 40 points for the second straight week in a 41-20 region loss to Opp, Kinston got bogged down in a 33-6 home loss to Elba, and Zion Chapel got ambushed in the second half in a 46-21 loss to Goshen. The season is still very early and there is no doubt all the area teams will improve weekly, but after two weeks it looks like Brantley is deserving of its #1 ranking, New Brockton could be headed for another long season, Kinston definitely looks like a playoff team, and Zion Chapel will win some games when it's defense settles in. Remember, we are just getting started.

*** *It was an interesting week across the area* and the state last week in high school football, with a total of 24 teams ranked in the top 10 tasting defeat. The top five teams in Class 3A all lost, which will obviously lead to a major shake-up, while four teams ranked in both Class 2A and Class 5A also bit the dust. I guess the coaches that insist the rankings mean nothing may be telling us the truth! Some of the games that caught my eye were Providence Christian slamming once-proud Ashford 35-8, Houston Academy going to 2-0 on the season with an easy 45-0 win over down and out Daleville, Enterprise losing to Auburn 31-21 after falling behind 24-7 in the third quarter, Highland Home scoring two touchdowns in the final three minutes to get past Ariton 34-33, Headland winning for the second straight week with a big 60-12 romp over Abbeville, Wicksburg falling to 0-2 with a 31-12 loss to 5A Rehobeth, Chares Henderson scoring late to get past 7A Mary Montgomery 24-20, G.W. Long having a four-quarter battle in a 22-15 win over Slocomb, Luverne falling to 0-2 with a shocking 14-7 loss to Geneva County, Straughn needing a late score to squeeze past Pike County 20-19, Dothan improving to 2-0 with an impressive 42-14 win over Robert E. Lee, Georgiana improving to 2-0 after a winless season with a 28-0 shutout over McKenzie, and Florala outscoring Red Level 34-19 in a key region matchup.

*** *I was reading a sports article last week* that stated while the New York Yankees are trying to buy a team to win a world championship, the Atlanta Braves are growing one that should provide benefits for years to come. The Yankees are always big spenders in the trade market

and when looking for high-priced free agents. However, the Braves prefer a more dependable method of winning games, as it obvious by a look at their player contracts. MVP candidate Austin Riley is locked down for the next 10 years, while Matt Olson, Ronald Acuna and Michael Harris all have 8-year contracts, and Ozzie Albies has seven years remaining on his contract. That's five of the team's top players in the lineup that are locked in for years to come! The same can't be said about the pitching staff; however, since relief pitchers Collin McHugh and Kirby Yates are the only two Braves hurlers that won't see their contracts end after this season. With starting pitchers like Max Fried, Charlie Morton, Mike Soroka, Kyle Wright and Spencer Strider all in the last year of their contracts, it makes you wonder if the plan is to have some new faces in the bullpen next season. I know change is good and helps keep teams fresh, but hopefully the Braves will re-sign at least three of four of the pitchers.

*** *Just when Auburn football coach Bryan Harsin* thought it was safe to go back in the water the news broke late last week that athletic director Allen Greene had resigned after learning the new president at AU had informed him his contract would not be renewed when it expired in January. Greene made his formal 'good bye' this week, five months early, and the move had to get the attention of Harsin, who had to feel the ex-athletic director was in his corner. Back last season when it was rumored Harsin would be fired, it was also believed that Greene would also exit as part of a deal that many at the university was imperative if the school was to regain its place among the powers to be at the major college level. Unless Harsin leads the Tigers to the SEC championship game and can avoid any bad losses, look for the second year coach to get the axe, possibly before the season even ends. Last year the SEC sports writers labeled Harsin as a 'dead coach walking,' and now it looks like he has much more to worry about than just winning a few games.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by a little earlier than usual and was smiling after bouncing back from a 9-5 opening week to post an 18-4 record in week two. The local guesspert said he still wasn't comfortable in any of his early-season predictions, but did leave this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

ELBA VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Pea River felines will finally get to play on their home field and should be excited to be down in the hole in front of their home fans. The Lions from over near the state line are much better than many realize and are catching the felines at a good time, but the guess here is they will do what it takes, hang up region win #2 on their ledger and remain undefeated after three weeks on the gridiron.

ELBA 34 HOUSTON COUNTY 14

Elba braces for invasion of Lions in key region clash at Tiger Stadium

The Elba Tigers will make their homefield debut Friday night when they host the Houston County Lions in a key region contest, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba holds a 5-3 series edge over its region rivals, has scored 40 points in each of the last two games, and last season rolled to a 40-12 road win.

"It will be great to finally play at home in front of our fans," said Elba coach Marc Sieving, "but Houston County has a very good football team and we will have to be ready for a real challenge and a four quarter battle. We take all games one at a time and this is the next game, and a big region game. We just hope the weather will improve, we get in some good practices and all our fans will come out Friday night and give our players the support they deserve."

Elba will bring a 2-0 record into the region clash after opening the season with wins over New Brockton 40-8 and Kinston 33-6, while Houston County will be looking for its first win after dropping its opening two games to Northside Methodist 41-20 and Brantley 33-7.

"We know Houston

County has an 0-2 record," added Sieving, "but they have a new coach and are learning a new system. They made marked improvement from week one to week two on both sides of the ball and we know they will be improved this week when they get here. We always worry more about ourselves than our opponents, and that is the case again this week as we prepare for our next game. All region games carry added pressure, and this is a region game against a good team that will come over here looking to knock us off and get its first win of the season. I assure you we will not look past Houston County."

"On offense they run out of the spread and line up in a lot of different positions," added Sieving. "They have a really good running back and a quarterback that can both run and pass. So, on offense they certainly are dangerous. Over on defense they get after the ball, have a couple of aggressive linebackers and a solid secondary. For us to be successful Friday night we will have to be disciplined on both sides of the ball and play hard on every play. On offense we will have to

BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from up across the creek will be back at home after last week's long road trip and plan on making quick work of their guests from just across the county line. The 'Dogs have yet to hit full speed after two weeks, but will change gears this week and leave the kitties from Butler County in their dust.

BRANTLEY 45 MCKENZIE 0

WICKSBURG VS. ZION CHAPEL

Two teams hungry to get a win will meet this week just off the four lane heading to Dothan and that means it should be a war between the new region rivals. The troops from Fort Jack showed signs of being able to hit their targets at last week's bird hunt and could have a surprise up their sleeves. However, the guess here is the hometown kitties will be just a little too strong and fast for the troops to catch.

WICKSBURG 34 ZION CHAPEL 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The roosters from over behind the dollar store will hitch hike over near the circle city late in the week hoping to bring home the big prize from a bird hunt set for just before dark. The roosters haven't had a chance to do much crowing this season after two lopsided losses, and the guess here is it may be a quiet walk back after another early-season setback.

PROVIDENCE CH. 24 NEW BROCKTON 14

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throw the ball to keep their defense honest, and at the same time improve running the ball like we have the first two weeks. We are a running team and to be successful we have to be successful running the ball. On defense we will have to recognize their formations and keep an eye on their quarterback at all times. We have done a good job at the line of scrimmage in both games this season and need to keep playing hard and control the game up front."

When asked about last week's region win over Kinston, Coach Sieving stated, "It was a good win on the road against a very good team and we are proud of the effort of all the players on both sides of the ball. We showed we could grind out long drives on a wet field, the backs ran hard inside and the line did a solid job maintaining its blocks and fighting through the wet conditions. We had some younger guys step up when called upon that grew up and gained confidence, and JT Coleman did a good job at a number of positions due to injuries. Alvin Henderson proved he

wasn't just a speed back with a bunch of hard runs in which he just lowered his head and fought for every yard, and it was a game we needed to prove a lot to a lot of players that we will have to count on. It was a true team win, and one that certainly didn't come easy."

Houston County is coached by former Lions assistant Jake Allen, and in a preseason interview stated "All I have asked them to do is compete, give great effort and have fun. That's the motto."

The Lions had a 5-5 record last season, 2-5 in region play, and return five starters on offense and seven on defense, leading many to consider the team a playoff favorite since moving down to Class 1A.

"If I could I would pass the ball every down," stated Allen. "But being in coaching the last few years I have learned it is more about the Moes and Joes than what you want to do. I plan to have a balanced offense and we are going to be a version of a spread offense, a run and shoot type offense."

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Elba Tiger coaching staff signals to team during last week's 33-6 region win over Kinston. The Tigers will host Houston County Friday night in their home opener in a key region encounter.



Elba Tigers defense stacks up a Kinston runner at the line of scrimmage in last week's 33-6 region win over the Bulldogs. The defense held the Bulldogs scoreless for three quarters in the big road win.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) eyes running room as he heads upfield. Henderson rushed for 276 yards and 4 touchdowns in last week's 33-6 region win over Kinston.



Elba Tiger Cody Gray (4) finds room to run in last week's win over Kinston. Gray rushed for 31 yards on 5 carries in the key region road win over the Bulldogs.

Elba downs 'Dawgs 33-6

By: Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers rushed for over 400 yards last Friday night on a rain-soaked field at Bulldog Stadium on their way to a 33-6 region win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Elba received the opening kick and marched 69 yards in 12 plays to score its first points of the night. The drive ate up almost seven minutes off the clock and was sparked by Alvin Henderson, who rushed for 39 yards on seven carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on an 18-yard dash. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 5:12 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Kinston headed right back down the field on its initial possession of the game behind the running and passing of Cale Sumblin and reached a fourth down and one at the Elba 16-yardline. A penalty flag slowed the drive; however, and when a fourth down pass bounced off the hands of a Bulldog receiver, the early scoring opportunity went by the board.

The Bulldogs regained possession one play later on a fumble recovery at the Elba 15-yardline by Whitt Floyd, but Elba got the ball back two plays later when the Tigers Jacob Watkins stripped the football from a Kinston receiver to turn back another Kinston scoring threat.

It took the Tigers offense only six plays to cover the 85 yards to the endzone on their ensuing possession, with Alvin Henderson scoring his second touchdown of the half on a 62-yard sprint down the sidelines. Wisecup's extra-point was true, and with 8:58 left in the second quarter Elba was on top 14-0.

Elba had a chance to add to its lead late in the half after a fumble recovery by Cody Gray at the Kinston 39-yardline and reached a first down at the Kinston 20. However, a holding penalty pushed the Tigers back and Elba was forced to carry the 14-0 lead in at the half after a 29-yard field goal attempt by Wisecup sailed wide.

Elba began its initial possession of the second half at its own 20-yardline after a Kinston punt, and the Tigers set sails down the field on a 17 play drive that ate up over eight minutes off the clock and resulted in the Tigers third touchdown of the night. JT Coleman rushed for 20 yards on three carries to help lead Elba down the field, while Alvin Henderson added 77 yards on a dozen carries and capped the long scoring drive with a 1-yard scoring run up the middle. Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 55-seconds left in the quarter Elba's lead had grown to 21-0.

Elba began its next offensive series at its own 18-yardline after a pass interception by Cody Gray and this time went 82 yards in 11 plays to add to its lead. JT Coleman started the drive with an 18-yard scamper, while Alvin Henderson continued his busy night as he carried the ball nine times for 48 yards and scored his fourth touchdown of the game on a 4-yard run. A two-point conversion failed to add points, but with 5:35 remaining in the fourth quarter the Tigers were in command with a 27-0 lead.

The Tigers quickly regained possession when an alert Tiger recovered a squib kick at the Kinston 48-yardline, and four plays later the Tigers were right back in the endzone. The score came on a 44-yard dash up the middle by JT Coleman, and while a two-point conversion failed, Elba owned a 33-0 lead with 2:57 left on the clock.

Kinston avoided the shutout on its ensuing possession on a 41-yard touchdown toss from Cale Sumblin to Brant McCollough with 1:30 left on the clock, but the Bulldog touchdown only changed the final score as Elba left the field with the big 33-6 region win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 276 yards and 4 touchdowns on 33 carries to spark the Tigers, while JT Coleman added 101 yards and one score on 16 carries.

Cale Sumblin rushed for 19 yards on 5 carries and completed 13 of 24 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown to lead the Bulldogs.

The yardstick....		
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20	1st Downs	9
59-421	Rushes-Yds.	11-48
0	Passing Yds.	125
421	Total Offense	173
0-2-0	Passes	13-24-1
2	Fumbles Lost	2
0-00	Punts-Ave.	1-44
11-105	Penalties-Yds.	2-15



Elba Tiger Alex Wisecup (3) kicks off after an Elba score in last week's region road win.



Elba Marching Tiger Band ignored the wet field conditions to put on a dazzling halftime performance last week at Kinston.

Elba JV Tigers lose season opener

The Elba JV Tigers opened the 2022 season Monday evening, Aug. 22, at home against the Highland Home JV team. Elba fell short in this low-scoring game with Highland Home winning 6-0.

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Late Gamecock rally falls short in 41-20 region loss to Bobcats

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in a 41-20 region loss to the Opp Bobcats, Friday night at Gamecock Stadium.

ond stanza and exploded for 34 unanswered points to open up a big 34-0 halftime lead.

Terry Davis had a 53-yard scoring dash to start the scoring barrage for the Bobcats, while Gray Jennings tossed a 42-yard touchdown pass to Dada Stoudemire, Nelson Hall returned a pass interception 23 yards for a score, Jennings connected with Jabbari Hill on a 37-yard

touchdown toss and Hill broke loose on a 54-yard touchdown gallop as the Bobcats blew the game open by the end of the half.

Hill added his third score of the game early in the third quarter on an 8-yard run to push the Opp lead to 41-0. However, New Brockton ignored the scoreboard and never quit battling as the Gamecocks scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.



New Brockton Gamecock Blake Peterson (15) closes in for a tackle in last week's 41-20 region loss to the Opp Bobcats.



New Brockton Gamecock Baylon Foster (6) looks for running room outside the Opp defense. Foster passed for 44 yards in last week's game.



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Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders were ready to have some fun after the long ride last week to Houston County. The cheerleaders kept the fans fired up in the Bulldogs 33-7 region win over the Lions.

Brantley batters Lions 33-7

From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs kicked off region play Friday night, Aug. 26, with a solid 33-7 road win over the Houston County Lions, in Columbia.

Jayden Parks completed 11 of 16 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns to lead

the Bulldogs, while Robert Shine rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries, Jon Bush caught 5 passes for 55 yards and Kendrick Welch had a 45-yard touchdown catch.

Eric Clemmons scored the lone Lions touchdown.

The Bulldogs return home this week to host the McKenzie Tigers in region play.



Zion Chapel Rebel placekicker Kevin Dowdy (18) hit all three extra-point attempts last week in their season opener. Handling the placement duties was John Foster Hamm (23).

Rebels clawed by Eagles 46-21

Statistics by Joey Arnold
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Goshen Eagles Friday night in their season opener at Green Memorial Stadium and battled on even terms throughout the opening half before watching the Eagles soar in the final two quarters to pull away and claim a 46-21 win.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard first with 7:32 left in the first quarter on a 4-yard run by Mason Stuart, and Kevin Dowdy booted the extra-point as the Rebels grabbed an early 7-0 lead.

Goshen's Tyler McClendon pulled in a 24-yard touchdown toss with 3:53 remaining in the quarter as the Eagles pulled within 7-6, but the Rebels bounced right back on their ensuing possession and when Stuart scored his second touchdown of the half on a 4-yard run and Dowdy added the extra-point the Rebels were back in front 14-6 with 11:43 left in the second quarter.

Goshen wasted little time getting back in the endzone as Szemerick Andrews scored on a 6-yard dash with 7:11 left in the quarter, and the Eagles pulled even at 14-14 after a successful



Zion Chapel Drum Major Gunner Sawyer leads the band during halftime festivities.

two-point conversion.

Goshen grabbed its first lead of the night with only 26-seconds remaining in the half on a 1-yard plunge by Jamari McClure, and the extra-point was true as the Eagles went in at halftime with a 21-14 advantage.

The Eagles took control of the game after intermission as they scored three unanswered touchdowns to open up a 46-14 lead. The first Eagle score of the

half came on an 8-yard run by McClure with 8:04 left in the third quarter, while K'davion Bristow added a 46-yard scoring scamper with 4:26 left in the quarter and the Eagles returned a punt 76 yards for a score with 1:19 still left in the stanza to stretch their lead to 40-14.

Zion Chapel refused to throw in the towel and pulled within 40-21 with 10-seconds left in the third quarter on an 8-yard dash by Brayden Benbow and the extra-point by Dowdy. However, Goshen never lost command and added a score with 8:39 remaining in the final stanza to post the wild 46-21 win.

Mason Stuart rushed for 59 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Rebels, while Jaylin Guilford added 44 yards rushing and Joseph Legear had an 18-yard run.

The yardstick....

ZC		G
11	1st Downs	10
40-169	Rush-Yds.	32-338
53	Passing Yds.	62
222	Total Offense	400
3-8-0	Passes	2-4-0
0	Fumbles Lost	1
5-26	Punts-Ave.	1-34
13-80	Pen.-Yds.	10-80



KINSTON YOUTH BALL SEASON UNDERWAY...The Kinston Youth Football season got underway last Saturday evening as the young 'Dawgs hosted the Tiny Mite, Termites and PeeWee teams from McKenzie. Kinston won all three games. Above, Kinston's Lucas Farris makes a cut outside the reach of a McKenzie defender and heads for the endzone in the PeeWee game.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)